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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 December 1995

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Somalia

Sierra Leone

Tajikistan (S/1995/1024)

Report of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (S/1995/1027)

Other matters

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. to consider the issue of the consultations between the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. 91st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fiftieth session of the General Assembly: second report of the Credentials Committee (A/50/559/Add.1) [3].

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [105]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/50/728);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/728).

3. Assistance in mine clearance [46]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/408);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.57).

Informal consultations

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under agenda item 20:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/50/L.43, L.56, L.58);

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (A/50/L.52, L.60)

Open-ended informal consultations

3 p.m.
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations conducted by H.E. M. Alex Reyn (Belgium), Vice-President of the General Assembly, on draft proposal A/50/L.40 submitted under agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	57th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. 6 p.m.	58th meeting	Conference Room 1

Action of draft resolutions

1. Human rights questions [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/50/L.66, L.47/Rev.1, L.46, L.62/Rev.1, L.67

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.69

3. Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee.

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* Immediately following the consideration of agenda item 105 at the 91st plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/50/6 (Vol. I and II), A/50/7 and A/50/16))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [149] (A/49/449, A/49/891, A/49/892; A/50/459 and Add.1, A/50/959 and A/50/791)

   Conclusion of general debate

2. Human resources management [159] (A/50/540; A/C.5/50/L.2, A/C.5/50/3, A/C.5/50/32, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1 and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1 and A/50/7/Add.8))

   Introduction and general debate

3. Admission of the World Tourism Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board [166] (A/C.5/50/34)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 [115]

   Revised estimates: International Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda (A/C.5/50/27 and A/50/7/Add.4)

5. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

   (a) Revised estimates on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (A/C.5/50/25 and A/50/7/Add.5)

   (b) Revised estimates on the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (A/C.5/50/26 and A/50/7/Add.9)

   (c) Revised estimates under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment (A/C.5/50/40 and A/50/7/Add.10)

   (d) Funding of regional institutes from the regular budget of the United Nations (A/C.5/50/33)

   (e) Integrated Management Information System project: seventh progress report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/35)

(f) Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/50/12)

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [138]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (A/50/319 and A/50/798)

Introduction and general debate

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 133 and 121 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (A/50/363 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/50/488 and Add.1) and United Nations Common System (A/50/30 and Corr.1; A/C.5/50/5, A/C.5/50/11, A/C.5/50/23, A/C.5/50/24 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/50/29))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995: second performance report

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON INFORMATICS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on matters before the first regular session 1996, the implementation of successor programming arrangements (DP/1996/3), and other matters

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 14 December 1995

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters: implementation and follow-up to the Copenhagen Summit (para.32))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters: agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997))

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP ON METHODOLOGY

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Briefing

There will be an informal briefing for members of the Security Council, including those delegations joining the Council in 1996, *today*, 14 December 1995, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room B. The briefing, to be conducted by the Department of Information and the Electronic Services Division of the Office of Conference and Support Services, is entitled "United Nations information available on the INTERNET".

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Informal consultations

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council, troop contributors and the Secretariat on the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus will be held *today*, 14 December 1995, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 15 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

10 a.m. — 92nd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa [164]:
   (a) Letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/50/815);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.44/Rev.1).
2. Question of Palestine [42]:
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Excercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/50/35);
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/725-S/1995/930);
   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/50/404/Add.2);
   (d) Draft resolutions (A/50/L.47, A/50/L.48, A/50/L.49, A/50/L.50).
3. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters [33]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/535);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/50/L.18/Rev.1).

Committees

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	
Evening*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	closed meeting	

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

6.30 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2nd meeting of the HIGH-LEVEL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS will be held on Friday, 15 December 1995, at 9.30 a.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. The agenda and organization of work will be issued in document WGFS/28.

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There will be an informal closed meeting of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS on Friday, 15 December 1995, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

(Geneva, 15 to 19 January and 22 April to 3 May 1996)

The States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW) decided by consensus at the 8th meeting of the Review Conference, held on 13 October 1995, that the Conference will continue its work at resumed sessions to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 15 to 19 January 1996 and from 22 April to 3 May 1996.

Participants and observers

All States are invited to participate in the resumed sessions of the Conference. The representatives of organizations which have been granted observer status in the United Nations; of United Nations organs; of specialized or other related agencies and of other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Conference may participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference and its subsidiary organs. Non-governmental organizations may designate representatives to attend public meetings of the Conference and its Main Committees.

Credentials

Credentials of representatives of States which have not yet been submitted should be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi (Room S-3170-A, United Nations, New York).

Documents

The agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference are contained in the final report of the CCW Group of Experts (CCW/CONF.I/1). The interim report on the work of the Review Conference is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/8/Rev.1. The "President's Text" of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) is contained in document CCW/CONF.I/WP.4.

First resumed session

The 15-19 January session of the Review Conference will concentrate on issues pertaining to articles 2 to 6 of Protocol II and on its Technical Annex.

Registration procedures

Registration of participants and observers to the Conference will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Participants or observers wishing to receive additional information are kindly requested to contact the Centre for Disarmament Affairs (Ms. Cheryl Stoute; tel: (212) 963-6033; fax: (212) 963-1121).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population

The first regular session 1996 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 15 to 19 January 1996 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1996/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but *no later than 5 January 1996.*

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United Nations Development Programme

The informal consultations of UNDP on the *Human Development Report 1996* will be held on Monday, 18 December 1995, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All members of the Programme and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Children's Fund

The third inter-sessional consultation of the Executive Board of UNICEF on the draft UNICEF Mission Statement will take place on Monday, 18 December 1995, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

An informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the Executive Board of UNICEF at its first regular session (22-26 January 1996) will take place on Friday, 12 January 1995, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of the WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FORUM on Friday, 15 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will address the Conference.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 6 December 1995, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing by the President of the Security Council on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council every Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

90th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 57 to 81.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations: report of the First Committee (A/50/577) [57]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/50/577) (resolution 50/60).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57.

Education and information for disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/50/578) [58]

The General Assembly was informed that no action had been taken by the Committee under agenda item 58.

The Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/50/579) [59]

By 157 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/579) (resolution 50/61).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/50/580) [60]

By 109 votes to none, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/580).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/50/581) [61]

The General Assembly was informed that no action had been taken by the Committee under agenda item 61.

The Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61.

Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security: report of the First Committee (A/50/582) [62]

By 104 votes to 6, with 53 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/582) (resolution 50/62).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields: report of the First Committee (A/50/583) [63]

By 157 votes to none, with 9 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/50/583) (resolution 50/63).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water: report of the First Committee (A/50/584) [64]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Swaziland.

By 110 votes to 4, with 45 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/584) (resolution 50/64).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Comprehensive test-ban treaty: report of the First Committee (A/50/585) [65]

The General Assembly proceeded to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/50/585).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	166	0	1
Draft resolution as a whole (resolution 50/65)		Adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/50/586) [66]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/586) (resolution 50/66).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/50/587) [67]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Swaziland.

By 154 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/587) (resolution 50/67).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/50/588) [68]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Swaziland.

By 122 votes to none, with 44 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/588) (resolution 50/68).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/50/589) [69]

The General Assembly proceeded to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/589).

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Nineteenth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	106	1	57
Operative paragraph 8 (recorded vote)	108	1	57
Operative paragraph 10 (recorded vote)	99	1	64
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/69)	121	0	46

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Canada.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/50/590 and Corr.1) [70]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil, Swaziland, France, Malta and Namibia.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 71 of its report (A/50/590 and Corr.1) and the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 72 of the same document.

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70A)	85	18	43
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70B)	140	0	19
Draft resolution C Fifth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	143	0	17
Draft resolution C Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	156	2	4

	Yes	No	Abstentions
Draft resolution C as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70C)	154	0	10
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 3 (b) (recorded vote)	142	0	13
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 5 (recorded vote)	143	0	17
Draft resolution D as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70D)	149	0	15
Draft resolution E (resolution 50/70E)		Adopted	
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	109	40	12
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	109	41	10
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	107	40	11
Draft resolution F Operative paragraph 5 (recorded vote)	107	40	11
Draft resolution F as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70F)	111	2	49
Draft resolution G (resolution 50/70G)		Adopted	
Draft resolution H (resolution 50/70H)		Adopted	
Draft resolution I Seventh preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	128	0	27
Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70I)	150	0	14
Draft resolution J (resolution 50/70J)		Adopted	
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70K)	165	0	1
Draft resolution L (resolution 50/70L)	158	0	7
Draft resolution M (resolution 50/70M)	157	4	2
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70N)	105	37	20
Draft resolution O (resolution 50/70O)		Adopted	
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70P)	106	39	17
Draft resolution Q (recorded vote) (resolution 50/70Q)	161	0	2
Draft resolution R (resolution 50/70R)		Adopted	

By 114 votes to 1, with 49 abstentions the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 72 of its report (A/50/590 and Corr. 1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/50/591) [71]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Swaziland.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (A/50/591).

	Yes	No	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 50/71A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 50/71B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 50/71C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	161	0	3

	Yes	No	Abstentions
Draft resolution D as a whole (resolution 50/71D)		Adopted	
Draft resolution E (recorded vote) (resolution 50/71E)	108	27	28

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/50/592) [72]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/50/592).

	Yes	No	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 50/72A)		Adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 50/72B)		Adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 50/72C)		Adopted	
Draft resolution D Operative paragraph 12 (recorded vote)	162	0	4
Draft resolution D as a whole (resolution 50/72D)		Adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/50/593) [73]

The General Assembly proceeded to vote on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/50/593).

	Yes	No	Abstentions
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	122	2	27
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 50/73)	56	2	100

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of New Zealand.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/50/594) [74]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/594) (resolution 50/74).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/50/595) [75]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/595) (resolution 50/75).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/50/596) [76]

By 123 votes to 3, with 39 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/50/596) (resolution 50/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/50/597) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/597) (resolution 50/77).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone [78]:

(a) Report of the First Committee (A/50/598);

(b) Amendment (A/50/L.55)

The representative of South Africa made a statement during the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/50/L.55.

The General Assembly adopted the amendment contained in document A/50/L.55.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/598) as amended (resolution 50/78).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/50/599) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/50/599).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/50/600 and Corr.1) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/50/600 and Corr.1) (resolution 50/79).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/50/601) [81]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/50/601) (resolutions 50/80A and 50/80B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(a) Financing of development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.15 and L.74

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.74 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.15.

The representative of the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.74.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.15 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of financing for development (A/50/397).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 94 (a).

(c) External debt crisis and development
Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.7 and L.75

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.75 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.7.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.75.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77).

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.7 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then decided to take note, under sub-item 94 (b), of the report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (A/50/429).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 94, as a whole.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.40 and L.76

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.76 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.40.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.76.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.40 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.17 and L.73

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy

(Ireland), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.73 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.17.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.73, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.17 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/50/486).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Action on draft proposals A/C.2/50/L.31 and L.72 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/50/L.77)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and was informed that a statement of programme budget implications was contained in document A/C.2/50/L.77.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.72 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.31.

The representatives of Bangladesh and the United States made statements.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.72, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.31 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action (A/50/746).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (e).

(h) Business and development

Action on revised draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.41/Rev.1

After a brief suspension, the Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and the representative of the United States introduced and orally revised the text.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement in clarification of the revision made.

The representative of the Ukraine informed the Committee that his delegation was joining the sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the United States, Nigeria, Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee then adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.41/Rev.1, as orally revised.

The representative of China made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (h).

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.39 and L.80

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that there were no programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.80.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), then introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.80 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.39.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.80, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.39 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (i).

The Committee then decided to take note, under the chapeau of item 95, of the report of the Secretary-General on the Programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (A/50/487); and, under sub-item (c) of the Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the regional commissions on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) at the regional level (A/50/411).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 95 as a whole.

Environment and sustainable development [96]

(a) Implementations of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.23 and L.78 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/50/L.82)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and was informed that a statement of programme budget implications was contained in document A/C.2/50/L.82.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.23.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.23 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then decided to take note, under the chapeau of item 96, of the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/50/182-E/1995/66 and Corr.1); under sub-item (a) of the Note by the Secretary-General on the Elaboration of an international Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/50/74 and Add.1; and under sub-item (b), of the Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the overall implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, including implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/50/227-E/1995/99) and of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/115 on observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (A/50/516).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 96, as a whole.

Operational activities for development [97]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.79

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 97 (a) and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held and orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.79, as orally corrected.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then decided to take note, under the chapeau of item 97, of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "National execution of projects" (A/50/113 and Add.1) and, under sub-item (b), of the report of the Secretary-General on the economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/50/421).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97, as a whole.

Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development [102]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.9 and L.58 (Programme Budget Implications in A/C.2/50/L.81)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and was informed that a statement of programme budget implications was contained in document A/C.2/50/L.81.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.58 submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.9.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.58, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.9 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

The representative of Burundi made a statement in regard to draft proposal A/C.2/50/L.18 adopted at the 36th meeting of the Committee, on 16 November 1995.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Organization of work

The Director of Conference Services made a statement and responded to a question previously posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Ukraine, New Zealand, Portugal and India.

The Controller and the Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee made a statement.

Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa [164]

The representative of South Africa made a statement.

The Rapporteur informed the Committee on the outcome of the informal consultations on this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Kuwait and Spain (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then endorsed, without objection, the contents of a draft letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly in response to his letter dated 4 December.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

(a) Revised estimates for the International Seabed Authority for 1996

The Controller presented the report of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Indonesia, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), the United States, Japan and Cuba.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

(b) Establishment of the Efficiency Board

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management made a statement in connection with the establishment of the Efficiency Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, China, Brazil, Cuba, Canada, Egypt, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Japan, Kenya, Algeria and Germany.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Administration and Management responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration on the question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [138]

(b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in para. 3 (c) of resolution 43/222

The representative of Ukraine introduced draft decision A/C.5/50/L.9.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Ireland, Portugal, Uganda, the Netherlands and France.

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES 11th meeting

Note: The summary of the 11th meeting of the Conference of the States Parties will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1995/244).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1995

60th meeting

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of major intentional conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [3 (a)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The Council decided on the following theme for the coordination segment of its substantive session for 1996: Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication which should focus on three areas: (a) Coordination of the United Nations support for and availability of resources to the United Nations system for facilitating national poverty eradication plans and programmes as well as the provision of basic social services, particularly at the field level; (b) Coordination of United Nations efforts to ensure that all its activities for poverty eradication take fully into account the gender perspective; and (c) Ways of monitoring United Nations performance in the field of poverty eradication, in the context of the harmonization of the multi-year programmes of work of the functional commissions, as contained in its agreed conclusions (para. 13) from the ECOSOC substantive session of 1995.

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The observer for Spain, on behalf of the European Union, also made a statement.

The Council then adopted a draft decision which was orally introduced by the President concerning allocation of time during the general segment of the 1996 substantive session of the Council.

World Trade Organization

The President of the Council made a statement and the Council decided to take note, with satisfaction, of the exchange

of letters contained in document E/1995/125 and to take note also of the recommendation, in the exchange of letters, that present arrangements governing the status of the International Trade Centre as a joint body be confirmed and renewed with the World Trade Organization. The Centre's name would become International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

The Council thus concluded consideration of agenda item 3.

Social humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: advancement of women [5 (e)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Council decided to take note of the note by the Secretariat pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/160 (A/50/747-E/1995/126) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/785-E/1995/128) and refer them to the General Assembly, for its consideration.

A statement was made by the observer for the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs responded to points raised.

The Council thus concluded consideration of sub-item 5 (e).

Social development questions [5 (f)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-President from Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Tejera-París, informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held by him on the substantive theme to be considered by the Commission for Social Development at its special session.

The Council then decided that the Commission for Social Development would consider, at its special session, the following theme: Strategies and actions for the eradication of poverty: (a) Formulation of integrated strategies; (b) Meeting basic human needs of all; and (c) Promotion of self-reliance and community-based initiatives, and that the dates for this special session would be 21-30 May 1996.

The Secretary of the Council responded to a question raised by the representative of India.

The Council thus concluded consideration of sub-item 5 (f) and of item 5 as a whole.

Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development [6 (e)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-President from Greece, Mr. George Papadatos, informed the Council of the results of the informal consultations held by him on the enlargement of the membership of the Commission on Population and Development.

The Council then decided that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development should be enlarged from 27 to 47 members and that the distribution of seats among the regional groups would be as follows: African States 12 seats; Asian States 11 seats; Eastern European States 5 seats; Latin American and Caribbean States 9 seats; and Western European and Other States 10 seats.

The Council then adopted a draft decision orally introduced by the Vice-President (Greece) concerning the election of members of the Commission on Population and Development who would be elected by the Economic and Social Council from among the Members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies in time to take part in the twenty-ninth session of the Commission.

Statements of reservation were made by the representatives of United States of America, the Russian Federation, Norway, the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada, Japan, India, Uganda, Egypt and China and the observers for Spain (on behalf of the European Union) and Algeria.

The Secretary of the Council responded to questions raised.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 6 (e).

Public administration and development [6 (q)]

The Council resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

On the proposal of the President of the Council, this sub-item was postponed for consideration by the Council at its 1996 session.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Elections

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The Council elected by acclamation the following States for a term beginning on 1 January 1996: Angola, Cameroon, Uganda, Finland, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The election for a term beginning 1 January 1996 of two members from the African States and one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States was postponed.

Wednesday, 13 December 1995

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fiftieth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1996-1997

Action on document A/C.2/50/L.65/Rev.1

The Chief of the Programme and Documentation Planning Section of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development introduced the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1996-1997 and orally revised the text.

The representative of the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of 77) raised a question to which the Chief of the Programme and Documentation Planning Section responded.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1996-1997 (A/C.2/50/L.65/Rev.1) as orally revised.

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Goce Petreski (The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), made a statement.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), made a statement.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), made a statement.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement on behalf of all members of the Committee.

The Chairman declared the work of the Second Committee concluded.

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th and 56th meetings

Note: The summary of the 55th and 56th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1995/244).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-carrying Signals transmitted by Satellite, concluded at Brussels on 21 May 1974

Accession: Portugal (11 December 1995)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Ratification: Burkina Faso (12 December 1995)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefing

There will be a briefing on a new book entitled "UNEP's New Way Forward: Environmental Law and Sustainable Development" *today* 14 December 1995, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 14 December 1995, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

The International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) will be launched on Monday, 18 December 1995, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at a special event chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will deliver an address on this occasion. All interested delegations, members of the press, non-governmental representatives and Secretariat staff are invited.

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Public Forum

The United Nations University will hold a high-level Public Forum on "The United Nations System in the 21st Century" on Monday, 18 December 1995, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel discussion will be opened by the President of the General Assembly. All interested delegations, members of the press, non-governmental representatives and Secretariat staff are invited.

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